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Idaho Spring Wheat Production Down 36 Percent

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Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 72.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July 1 forecast and down 12 bushels per acre from 2011. Production of 33.1 million bushels from 460,000 harvested acres is down 36 percent from last year. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 82.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from the July 1 forecast and last year. Producers expect to harvest 740,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 60.7 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 52.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year's 46.5 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 590,000, is 90,000 acres more than last year. The expected yield of 89.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from last month but down 4 bushels from last year. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 6.32 million tons from 182,000 harvested acres, up 4 percent from a year

ago. Sugarbeet yield of 34.7 tons per acre is up from last year's 34.4 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay production is estimated at 4.10 million tons, a 5 percent decrease from 2011. The expected yield for alfalfa is at 4.10 tons per acre, down from last year's 4.30 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 798,000 tons, up 4 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.10 tons per acre, down from 2.20 tons per acre last year. Oat yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 5 bushels from last year. Oat production from 15,000 harvested acres is expected to total 975,000 bushels, down 7 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 2.64 million cwt from 140,000 harvested acres, up 40 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 100 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 53 percent of Idaho's dry beans. Idaho apple production is estimated at 70.0 million pounds, up 10.0 million pounds from 2011. Peach production is expected to total 7,200 tons, down from last year's 7,600 tons. Idaho hop producers are expected to harvest 2,449 acres with a yield of 2,045 pounds per acre and production of 5.01 million pounds in 2012.

For the United States, all wheat production, at 2.27 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from the July forecast and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 2.8 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, up 1 percent from July and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at a record high 48.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 1.8 bushels higher than last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 500 million bushels, up 6 percent from the July forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 11.7 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 42.8 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month and 5.1 bushels above 2011. Barley production for the 2012 barley crop is forecast at 221 million bushels, up 2 percent from the July forecast and 42 percent from 2011. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 67.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from July but down 2.0 bushels from last year. Oat production is forecast at 66.5 million bushels, 2 percent above the July 1 forecast and up 24 percent from the record low production in 2011. If realized, this will be the second lowest production on record. Growers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 16 percent from the record low last year. Dry bean production is forecast at 27.0 million cwt for 2012, up 36 percent from last year. Production of sugarbeets for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 35.3 million tons, up 23 percent from last year. Corn production is forecast at 10.8 billion bushels, down 13 percent from 2011 and the lowest production since 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from 2011. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 54.9 million tons, down 16 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 65.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from last year. Peach production is forecast at 1.02 million tons, down 5 percent from 2011. The apple forecast for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 8.06 billion pounds, down 14 percent from 2011. Hop production in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 61.5 million pounds for 2012, down 5 percent from last year.

**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop,
Idaho and United States, 2011 and Forecasted August 1, 2012**

STATE	UNIT	Area Harvested		Yield			Production		
		2011	2012	2011	Jul 1, 2012	Aug 1, 2012	2011	2012	
IDAHO		Thousand Acres					Thousands		
	Winter Wheat	Bu.	770	740	82.0	82.0	82.0	63,140	60,680
	Spring Wheat	Bu.	620	460	84.0	70.0	72.0	52,080	33,120
	Barley	Bu.	500	590	93.0	87.0	89.0	46,500	52,510
	Oats	Bu.	15	15	70.0	65.0	65.0	1,050	975
	Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	Lbs.	94	139	2,000	--	1,900	1,880	2,641
	Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,000	1,000	4.30	--	4.10	4,300	4,100
	Other Hay	Tons	350	380	2.20	--	2.10	770	798
	Sugarbeets	Tons	176	182	34.4	--	34.7	6,054	6,315
UNITED STATES									
Winter Wheat	Bu.	32,314	35,023	46.2	47.7	48.0	1,493,677	1,682,726	
Spring Wheat	Bu.	12,079	11,681	37.7	40.4	42.8	455,188	499,510	
Barley	Bu.	2,239	3,268	69.6	66.3	67.6	155,780	221,019	
Oats	Bu.	939	1,091	57.1	59.8	61.0	53,649	66,519	
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	Lbs.	1,155.9	1,673.5	1,716	--	1,614	19,833	27,016	
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	19,213	18,812	3.40	--	2.92	65,332	54,895	
Other Hay	Tons	36,420	38,762	1.81	--	1.69	65,812	65,448	
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,213.1	1,215.5	23.8	--	29.1	28,828	35,336	
Durum Wheat	Bu.	1,312	2,122	38.5	38.6	40.5	50,482	86,010	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	83,981	87,361	147.2	--	123.4	12,358,412	10,778,589	

1/ Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt. 2/ Excludes garden bean seed.

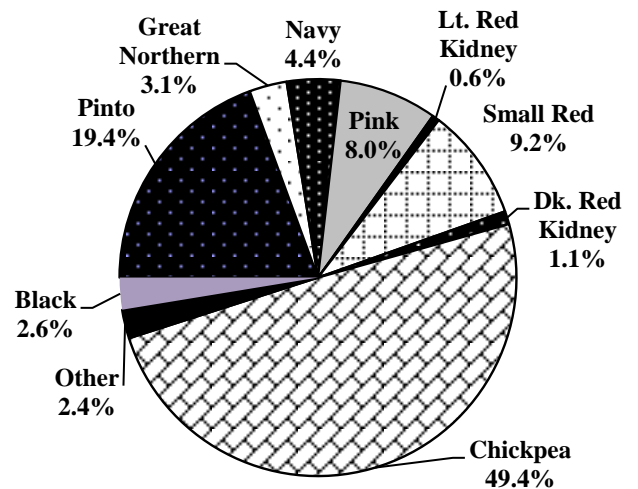
Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 40 Percent from 2011

Idaho's 2012 dry edible bean production is expected to increase 40 percent from last year. Production is forecast at 2.64 million cwt, up from last year's 1.88 million cwt. Planted acreage, at 140,000, and harvested acreage, at 139,000, are up from last year's 95,000 acres planted and 94,000 acres harvested. Yields are expected to average 1,900 pounds per acre, 100 pounds per acre less than last year.

Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, planted primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea acreage increased 46 percent from last year high of 74,600 planted acres. Pinto acreage increase 86 percent, accounting for 32,500 acres. Small red acreage, at 10,100 acres, has increased 29 percent from last year. Pink acreage increased 19 percent to 8,100 acres. Navy bean planted acreage increased 24 percent to 4,600 acres. Acreage planted to Great Northerns decreased 42 percent from last year to 1,500 acres. Black bean planted acreage increased 18 percent from last year to 2,600 acres. Dark red kidney planted acreage is up 89 percent from last year to 1,700 acres, and light red kidneys are up 200 percent from last year at 1,500 planted acres. Planted acreage of other classes totaled 2,300 acres, up from the 2,000 acres for all other classes last year.

Nationally, dry edible bean production is forecast at 27.0 million cwt for 2012, up 36 percent from last year. Planted area is forecast at 1.71 million acres, up 42 percent from 2011. Harvested area is forecast at 1.67 million acres, 45 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,614 pounds per acre, a decrease of 102 pounds from 2011. At the U. S. level, planted area of pinto beans is up 85 percent from last year. Planted area increased from 2011 for baby lima, navy, small white, pinto, light red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, black, blackeye, and all chickpeas. Large lima, great northern, and dark red kidney all decreased in planted acreage from last year.

Idaho Dry Bean Classes
Percent of 2012 Planted Acreage



Percents do not add to 100 due to rounding.

Dry Bean Acreage Planted by Class -- Selected States and U.S., 2012

Class	CA	CO	ID	MI	MN	NE	ND	OR	WA	U.S.
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>									
Pinto		43.0	32.5	1.9	21.7	84.6	445.0	2.2	17.0	714.3
Small Red			10.1	18.6	2.9		2.5		5.3	39.4
Pink	0.5		8.1		6.8		13.0	(D)	1.7	30.1
Navy			4.6	70.0	53.0	2.2	125.0	1.9	1.0	262.8
Great Northern			1.5			51.0	3.5			58.1
Black	0.3		2.6	90.0	25.7	1.6	86.0	1.2	4.2	217.2
Dk. Red Kidney	0.7		1.7	2.8	31.7		1.5	(D)	0.8	46.3
Lt. Red Kidney	2.0	4.0	1.5	5.3	13.4	8.5		0.5	0.8	38.4
Chickpea	10.6		74.6			0.3	11.2	1.1	79.0	196.9
Other	44.4	3.0	2.8	9.4	4.8	1.8	2.3	2.6	5.2	111.2
All Dry Beans	58.5	50.0	140.0	198.0	160.0	150.0	690.0	9.5	115.0	1,714.7

(D) Not published to avoid disclosure. Data are included in Other class.

Mid-July Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of July showed increases for all barley, all wheat and dry beans. A price decline was recorded for potatoes, alfalfa hay, and milk.

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July, at 193 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 11 points (6.0 percent) from June. Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and hogs and lower prices for cattle, grapes, broilers, and broccoli.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, July 2011-July 2012

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		July 2011	June 2012	July 2012 ^{1/}	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	223.00	190.00	180.00	189.00	201.00	198.00	--
Barley, All	Bu	5.08	5.13	5.65	5.07	5.50	5.66	45
Feed	Bu	5.70	4.70	5.70	5.04	5.38	5.05	--
Malting	Bu	5.00	5.16	--	5.09	5.54	5.87	--
Dry Beans	Cwt	36.20	45.60	44.20	34.20	44.20	43.80	51
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	11.10	8.05	7.55	14.19	9.93	9.76	40
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	14.10	7.40	--	19.79	12.58	--	--
Processing	Cwt	8.10	8.40	--	8.18	8.54	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu	6.78	7.11	8.28	7.10	6.70	8.31	46
LIVESTOCK:								
Milk, All ^{4/}	Cwt	19.90	16.00	16.50	21.80	16.20	16.60	32 ^{5/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

5/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index 1990-1992 Base

Index	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012
Prices received by farmers	183	182	193
Prices paid by farmers	204	214	215
Ratio of prices received to prices paid	90	85	90

July 1 Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011. Beef cows, at 30.5 million head, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2011. Milk cows, at 9.2 million head, remained unchanged from last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 15.7 million head, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.2 million head, remained unchanged from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.1 million head, were down 2 percent. Other heifers, at 7.4 million head, were down 3 percent from last year. Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, at 14.0 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2011. Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, at 1.9 million head, were down 5 percent from last year. Calves under 500 pounds, recorded at 26.5 million head, were down 3 percent. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, at 12.3 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million, down 2 percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down 2 percent from 2011.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2011-2012

Class	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	100,000	97,800	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	40,600	39,700	98
Beef Cows	31,400	30,500	97
Milk Cows	9,200	9,200	100
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,000	15,700	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,200	4,200	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,200	4,100	98
Other Heifers	7,600	7,400	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,000	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,000	1,900	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds	27,200	26,500	97
Calf Crop	35,313	34,500	98
Cattle on Feed	12,200	12,300	101

U.S. Dairy Products June 2012 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 897 million pounds, 0.9 percent above June 2011 but 2.1 percent below May 2012.

Italian type cheese production totaled 376 million pounds, 1.0 percent below June 2011 and 2.2 percent below May 2012.

American type cheese production totaled 366 million pounds, 0.2 percent above June 2011 but 2.6 percent below May 2012.

Butter production was 137 million pounds, 3.2 percent below June 2011 and 16.2 percent below May 2012.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with June 2011)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 169 million pounds, up 15.1 percent. Skim milk powders - 25.4 million pounds, down 23.8 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with June 2011)

Dry whey, total - 83.2 million pounds, down 0.7 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 89.2 million pounds, down 0.7 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total - 38.6 million pounds, up 6.4 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with June 2011)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 76.4 million gallons, up 0.6 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 42.9 million gallons, down 5.2 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 4.01 million gallons, down 15.5 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 6.45 million gallons, up 11.1 percent.